

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
April 29, 2024

At 8:30 A.M., Vice-chair Dimmitt called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Board members present were: Lee Dimmitt, Vice-Chairman; Susie Drish, Supervisor.

Board member present by Zoom was: Dee Sandquist, Chairman.

Public comments: Julie Greeson asked if the interim ambulance director would be doing two jobs. She also stated that the interim director should get the same pay as the previous director if they have the same qualifications. Chris Estle asked about a systemwide process for an interim position in a non-elected office. She suggested a stipend rather than a salary change. Joe Ledger stated that there is no money in the budget to pay two employees director salaries and that the County should wait until the position is filled and the previous director is gone to pay someone else the director's wage. Mark Myers asked for the justification of paying both the previous director and the interim director the full director's salary and asked where the money to fund it would come from. He also said that the Board of Supervisors should be more involved rather than hiring a 3rd party consultant to evaluate the ambulance. Connor Everright asked if it's typical to receive a severance package in this situation.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist that the minutes for the April 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2024 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

Supervisors discussed an MOU with the City of Fairfield regarding the Prairie Ridge Campground development.

At 9:00 A.M., it was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish to open the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 29th day of April, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., the County Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, met for the purpose of a hearing upon the 2025 Fiscal Year county budget proposal as filed with this Board.

THEREUPON, the Notice of Public Hearing has according to law been published in the three official newspapers: The Southeast Iowa Union/Fairfield Ledger, Clarion-Plainsman and Ottumwa Courier. Thereafter and on said day, that estimate was taken up and considered and taxpayers and officials heard for or against said estimate were as follows: None.

At 9:04 A.M., it was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist that the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget be closed.

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Dimmitt to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year County budget and Certification of Taxes be adopted with maximum expenditures set out as follows:

Public Safety and Legal Services	\$ 6,255,565
Physical Health and Social Services	\$ 1,083,634
County Environment and Education	\$ 800,732
Roads & Transportation	\$ 4,424,750
Government Services to Residents	\$ 738,207
Administration	\$ 2,723,323
Nonprogram Current	\$ 0
Debt Service	\$ 853,307
Capital Projects	<u>\$ 594,700</u>
TOTAL	\$17,474,218

AYES:
Dee Sandquist
Lee Dimmitt
Susie Drish

NAYS:
None

ATTEST:
Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the schedule of proposed expenditures be appropriated as follows to the various county departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Board of Supervisors	\$ 2,345,658
Auditor	\$ 469,044
Treasurer	\$ 471,890
Attorney	\$ 609,259
Sheriff	\$ 3,945,669
Recorder	\$ 318,690
County Engineer	\$ 4,549,750
Veteran's Affairs	\$ 54,833
Conservation Board	\$ 1,013,481
Health Board	\$ 456,697
Weed Commission	\$ 3,000
Social Services	\$ 42,025
Environmental Health	\$ 104,200

Medical Examiner	\$ 45,000
District Court	\$ 141,500
Ambulance	\$ 1,492,082
General Relief	\$ 76,300
Mental Health Administration	\$ 218,387
Nondepartmental	<u>\$ 1,116,753</u>
TOTAL	\$17,474,218

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NAYS:
None

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Supervisors discussed options the County may have to protect property rights from carbon capture pipeline companies.

Dimmitt moved, Drish seconded to authorize an audit for Jackson Point and take it out of the building line-item budget for this fiscal year. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Sandquist to not increase the interim Ambulance Director’s salary at this time. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sandquist to take bids for a third party to evaluate the processes and operations of the Jefferson County Ambulance Service from today to next Monday, May 6th. It was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish to accept bids April 29th to May 3rd at 3:00 P.M. to be delivered to the Auditor’s Office by email or in person and opened May 6th. Drish “Aye”. Sandquist “Aye”. Dimmitt “Nay”. Motion carried.

Drish reported on her EMS Advisory Council meeting. Sandquist reported on her food insecurity meeting. Dimmitt reported on his Jackson Point, FEDA, RUSS, McElhinney house and 10-15 Transit meetings.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist to allow the claims against the county in the amount of \$175,149.08 and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

It was moved Drish, seconded by Sandquist to adjourn. All “Aye”. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Scott D. Reneker
County Auditor

Dee Sandquist, Chairman
Board of Supervisors